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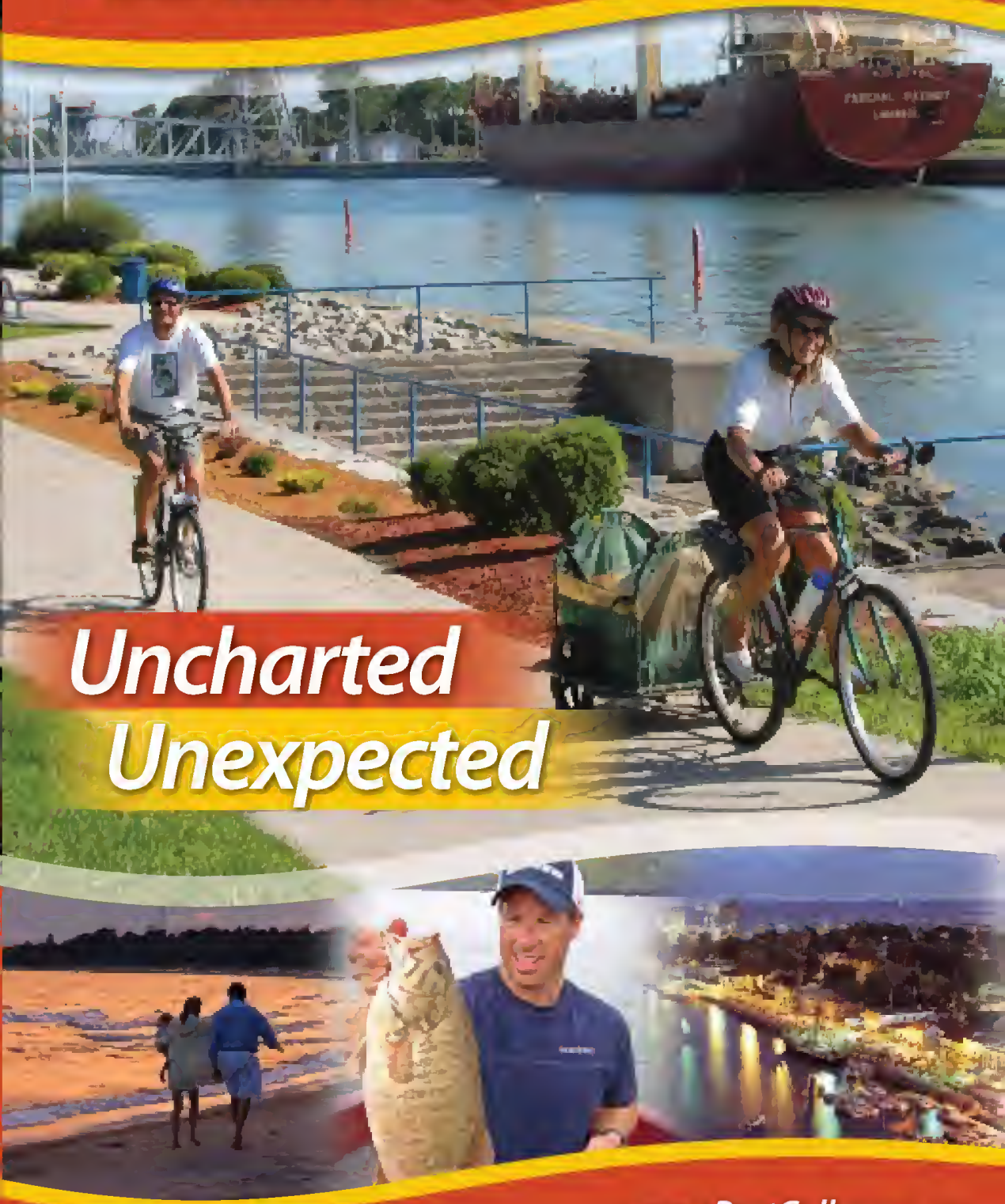

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Greetings from the Mayor's Office

On behalf of members of City Council and all the citizens of the City of Port Colborne, welcome to Niagara's South Coast.

Located on the south shore of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre, white sand beaches, culinary favourites, the community's world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, recreation and unique shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara experience.

The City of Port Colborne combines quality of life with investment opportunities where water meets road, rail and air, enabling investment to reach its business targets. The City of Port Colborne is where business and lifestyle are a perfect match.

Mayor Vance Badawey

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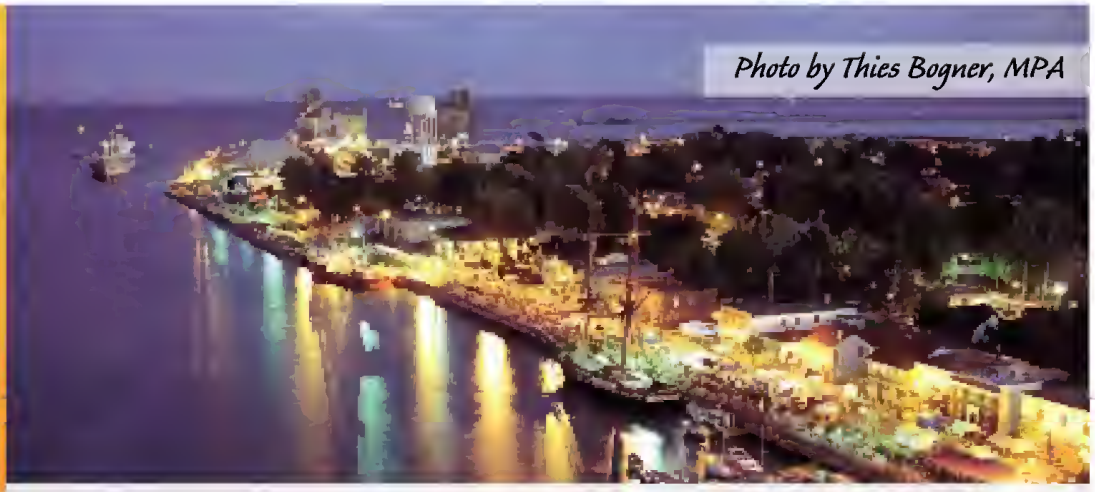

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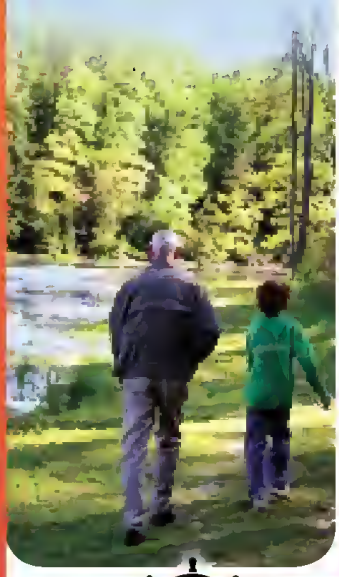

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NIAGARA'S SOUTH COAST

Port Colborne is a city of 19,000 residents located on the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, where the Welland Canal connects to Lake Erie.

Following the completion of the canal in 1833, this small settlement on Gravelly Bay became an important port-of-entry in 1834.

At this time, the community was named Port Colborne, in honour of Upper Canada's then Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Colborne, who was instrumental in securing funding for the canal project.

First Nations people, pre-dating European settlement by thousands of years, had long inhabited this shoreline edged by a mature Carolinian forest and covered by a cranberry marsh further inland. Following the close of the American Revolution, United Empire Loyalists were beginning to settle within the boundaries of Sugarloaf (later Humberstone) Township, so named because of the distinctively shaped lakeside hill that wistfully reminded the early settlers of a tasty loaf eaten in their former home of Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, a short distance inland, another small settlement called Stonebridge (later to be called Petersburg and then Humberstone Village) was beginning to rise from the now partially drained marsh.

Ever since the first vessel emerged from the Welland Canal at Port Colborne in 1833, the presence of the canal, that effectively bisects the city, has been the major determining factor in the city's pattern of growth.

By 1870, the population of Port Colborne had grown to 1,030, which prompted the community to become an incorporated village.

By the 1880s, Port Colborne had become an important summer tourist resort as side-wheeling steamers, steam engine locomotives, and high-wheeled bicycles brought hundreds of tourists on a daily basis to lakeside amenities such as Lake View Grove.

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT OUR UNIQUE CITY

Port Colborne has grown from a small port-of-entry established in 1834, to be a multi-faceted city with a character second to none.

In 1889, the Humberstone Club, composed of wealthy summer residents from the southern states chose Port Colborne as their destination of escape from the summer heat.

The architecture of Tennessee Avenue today gives us a glimpse into its southern roots. As the 20th Century progressed, improvements to the harbour and the enlargements of the Welland Canal facilitated industrial development.

Larger conglomerates increasingly displaced smaller 19th century commercial and manufacturing works. Flour milling began in Port Colborne with Christian Zavitz's small gristmill near Sugarloaf Hill in 1792. By the middle of the 20th Century the flour milling industry in Port Colborne grew to be among the largest in the world.

In 1918, the International Nickel Company (now Vale) built a nickel refinery in Port Colborne. This began a series of heavy industries establishing a presence in Port Colborne.

Photo by Murray Hawryn

In 1918, Port Colborne officially became a town with a population of 2,837. In the succeeding decades of steady growth, the Village of Humberstone and the Town of Port Colborne continued to grow towards one another geographically; this resulted with their amalgamation in 1952.

In 1966, Port Colborne officially became a city. As the industrial base began to decline during the last decades of the 20th Century, Port Colborne once again began to look towards the potential of tourism and toward that end began promoting its cultural and recreational facilities and the lure of the Welland Canal.

Today, Port Colborne is a small multi-faceted city, which combines a large service sector with its business, industry, culture, recreation, and tourism industries to maintain its unique character into the 21st Century.

DOWNTOWN PORT COLBORNE

Follow the Canal to Downtown Port Colborne and experience a perfect blend of past and present, as well as many opportunities to shop, dine and explore.

Downtown Port Colborne is located adjacent to the Welland Canal near the Clarence St. lift bridge (Bridge 21). Part way between Main St. West and Lake Erie, the downtown is central to the community and a hub of activities in Port Colborne. Downtown Port Colborne includes some of the most unique and delightful boutiques and galleries in the Niagara area, alongside an eclectic mix of international style pubs and restaurants. During the Civic Holiday weekend in August, Downtown serves as the focal point for Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival and provides an excellent opportunity to view ships passing through the Welland Canal, and under the Clarence Street lift bridge, as they carry cargo destined for ports throughout the world.

The history of Downtown Port Colborne is celebrated with a number of successful initiatives including the Port Promenade along the Welland Canal at Historic West Street and the more recent Coal Hatch Murals which beautify the downtown and demonstrate the community's pride and heritage. For more information on Downtown Port Colborne, its merchants, activities and events, please visit www.DowntownPortColborne.com

CLARENCE STREET BRIDGE

The Clarence Street Bridge is one of the few remaining lift bridges operating on the Welland Canal; the structure uses simple electric motors and counterweights activated by remote control to raise the deck above passing ships. Next to the bridge are the walls of the old guard locks from the second and third Welland Canals, as well as the abutments of a swing bridge that once connected the east and west sides of Port Colborne.

LOCK 8 GATEWAY PARK

As a regulating, or guard gate, Lock 8 raises or lowers ships one to four feet, depending on Lake Erie water levels. At 1,380 feet, it is one of the longest canal locks in the world. The jack-knife bridges at both ends rise as ships pass through the lock. Lock 8 Gateway Park has an elevated viewing platform, flower gardens, fountains, picnic pavilion, and washrooms.

Canal information, ship schedules, and destinations are available at the Port Colborne Visitors Information Centre located across from the park atthe corner of Main Street West and Mellanby Avenue. The first Welland Canal operated between 1829 and 1844 (in Port Colborne from 1833), the second between 1845 and 1886, and the third between 1887 and 1932. The present-day Canal opened in 1932. The Canal is 43 km long (26 miles or 24 nautical miles) and contains eight locks. The total lift is 326.5 feet. Each lock can hold 94.5 million litres of water. Locks 4, 5 and 6 in Thorold are known as the Twin Flight Locks. They raise or lower ships up or down the Niagara Escarpment (140 feet). It is the only place on the Canal where there is two-way vessel traffic. It takes eight to ten hours for a vessel to pass through the Canal. On average, it takes 33 minutes for a vessel to enter, raise or lower, and depart a lock (ten to twelve minutes actual raising or lowering time).

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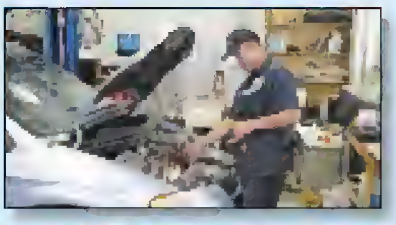

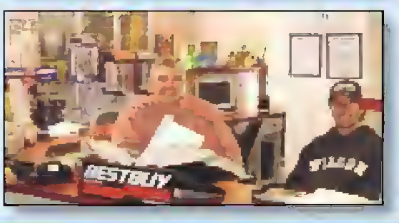

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NAVIGATING TO PORT COLBORNE

Port Colborne is located at 42° 53'N 79° 14'W. Large pleasure craft may use the Welland Canal connecting Lake Ontario with Lake Erie. The canal is open to navigation from March to December. When approaching the harbour from the lake or canal, use VHF ch#68 for navigational and docking assistance. For additional boating information, contact any of the following: Sugarloaf Marina: 905-835-6644 St. Lawrence Seaway Authority: 905-835-5441 Environment Canada marine weather information: 416-661-0104

CYCLING TO PORT COLBORNE

Port Colborne is located at the intersection of the Friendship Trail, the Welland Canals Recreational Trail, and a spur of the Trans Canada Trail. This point also serves as the southwest corner of the Greater Niagara Circle Route. Cyclist friendly Port Colborne is a major destination for both recreational and experienced cyclists alike. For more information, call 1-888-PORT-FUN, or visit any of the following helpful websites: www.portcolborne.ca; www.biketrain.ca; www.niagararegion.ca/exploring/cycle

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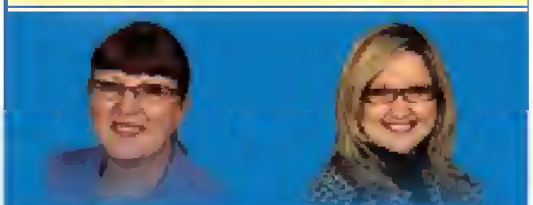
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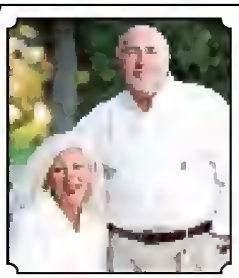
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Spring
Swans on the Bay : John Ballin

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Canal Days: Susan Marshall

Fall
Bountiful Harvest: John Ballin

PAST TO PRESENT ARTS & CULTURE

PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL AND MARINE MUSEUM

Located downtown at 280 King St., the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum & Heritage Village features a century of heritage buildings, historic gardens, pathways, covered pavilion, and a tea room. The 1861 Georgian-Revival style Williams Home serves as the main exhibit gallery, interpreting the history of Port Colborne and the Welland Canal through a variety of ever-changing exhibits. The Heritage Village includes a log schoolhouse, the Sherk-Troup log home, FW Woods & Sons Blacksmith Shop, a carriage house, and Arabella's Tea Room. The wheel-house from the Yvon Dupre tugboat, a lifeboat from the SS Hochelaga and the Marine Exhibit Lighthouse form a small marine park within the Museum's Heritage Village.

Canada's Century Car, the 1901 Neff Steam Buggy, built by Benton Neff in the Neff Foundry in Humberstone, now part of Port Colborne, is on exhibit in the Museum's Heritage Resource Centre. From May to December, see the new replica of the Neff Steam Buggy in the Carriage House and on display at special events.

Arabella's Tea Room serves afternoon tea with hot homemade tea biscuits in a 1915 Edwardian Cottage. Open daily from 2 to 4pm, June to September. Christmas pudding is served during the first week of December. The Museum is host of many events, including Arabella's Pie Social, History Fair & Antique Road Show, Canal Days at the Museum, and the Grand Old Christmas Festival.

The L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives is a research facility open to all genealogists and researchers of the documentary history of Port Colborne, Humberstone, and the Welland Canal.
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Saturdays by appointment from
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905-834-7604

Special Events:

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Arabella's Pie Social, History Fair, and Antique Road Show
July 31 and Aug. 1, 2011, 11am to 5pm
Canal Days at the Museum
Dec. 4, 2011, 12 to 4pm
Grand Old Christmas Festival
The Museum, Heritage Village, and Gift Shop are open from May to December 12 Noon to 5pm daily, including holidays; free admission; 905-834-7604.

FEATURE EXHIBITS AT THE MUSEUM

MAY – NOVEMBER

Flour Power: The Port Colborne Maple Leaf Mill started to produce flour in 1911 and soon became the largest flour mill in the British Empire. Discover fascinating industrial archives and memorabilia from "The Company that grew with Canada."

Mill & Marauders - The Rumour Wheels of War: As the war of 1812 approaches, loyalties, convictions and a way of life are threatened. Learn in this exhibit how Sugarloaf Settlement society and its vital Zavitz Mill are forced to take a stand.

MAY - DECEMBER

Different Strokes for Different Folks: This premier Folk Art exhibit showcases the museum's highly colourful and unique artifacts. These homemade works of art from our community's past and present celebrates the whimsical, inventive and original.

Celebrating our Agricultural Past: Learn more about the farming way of life, the settlement of land, its use and the people. Agricultural artifacts collected since the museum opened 36 years ago show how things were done. In September this will be complemented by a traveling exhibit from the Archives of Ontario

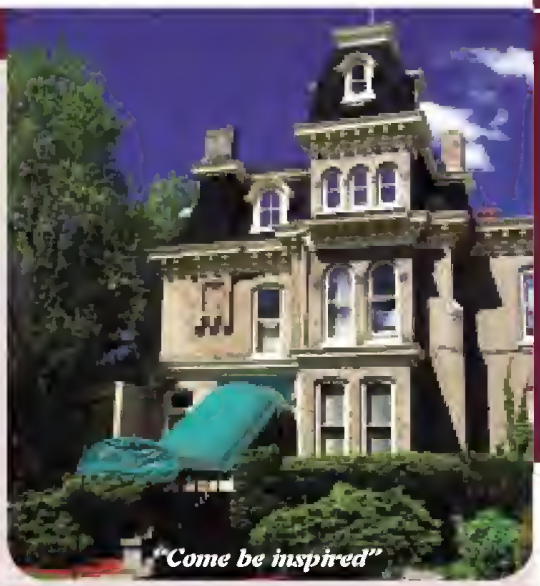
Welland Canal: From 1833 to present day, this vital waterway has shaped the growth of Port Colborne while serving the commercial shipping industry. An interactive panel features Lock 8 and describes ships that travel through the system.

JULY – DECEMBER

Wrecks and Relics: 100 years submerged, 9 metres below the surface of Lake Erie, 3 km from shore lies the wreck of the Raleigh. Explore the underwater world with artifacts from the Raleigh and other shipwrecks.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Christmas in the Country: Step back in time to experience the holiday ambiance of a Christmas in the country, where it was encouraged to use ingenuity to fashion handmade gifts that were thrifty, pragmatic and attractive for friends and family.



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2 Across
A Comedy of Crosswords & Romance by: Jerry Mayer
Runs: 6/16/2011 to 7/2/2011

Two strangers board a commuter train at 4:30 AM. They're alone in the car, both are doing the New York Times crossword. She's an organized, sensible, psychologist. He's a free spirited, unemployed ad exec. She is a crossword pro, he always quits. When he tosses his puzzle away, she snaps, "Crosswords are a metaphor for life, those who finish, succeed, those who don't, fail." Now he vows to finish. Why? He's a competitor and she happens to be lovely. This starts a train ride described by critics as "Hilarious," "Witty," "Romantic," "Poignant," "Wonderfully entertaining."

I'll Be Back Before Midnight
A Mystery by: Peter Colley
Runs: 7/7/2011 to 7/23/2011

A classic, spine tingling thriller. Jan, who's recovering from a nervous disorder, and her husband rent a remote cabin from an odd farmer who tells gruesome ghost tales. When the husband's lustful sister arrives, frightening events transpire. What happens to the fragile wife as bodies appear and disappear gives this classic thriller its horrifying impact.

Back in '59
A 50s-60s Musical By: Thom Currie
Runs: 7/28/2011 to 8/13/2011

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ART GALLERIES & CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Arts Place Gallery
714 King St.
A collective that opened in March 1992 as a window to the studios of 15 member area artists. The gallery provides ongoing exhibitions, workshops, fine arts and crafts, features paintings, sculpture, glass, ceramics, jewellery and woodturning, and welcomes community participation. 905-834-9060, www.artsplacegallery.com

Mark Ricker Studio & Gallery
216 West St.
This studio and gallery sells prints by wildlife and nature artist Mark Ricker, and other local artists. Also located at this site is a custom framing workshop. 905-834-8428, www.markricker.com

O's by the Water
1 Clarence St.
Peggy O'Hara is no ordinary curator. The shelves, walls and windowsills of her light infused gallery are filled with objects that she loves and each has a history she's pleased to share. It's an eclectic gallery dedicated to showcasing the work of the area's fine artists and artisans. 905-834-8161

Stonehouse Gallery
44 King St.
Featuring local artists works including nature inspired Encaustic Gem Paintings, Acrylics Mixed Media & Jewelry in Precious Metals, Beads & Crystals. 905-834-9784

Coal Hatch Murals
Local artists in Port Colborne have started to paint the coal hatches in the downtown area. Coal hatch art helps beautify the downtown for both local resident pedestrians and out-of-town shoppers. It demonstrates pride in our heritage and our community. The coal hatch painting project embodies the true spirit of public art since the colourfully painted coal hatches can be enjoyed by all ages and by all who visit downtown Port Colborne.
www.downtownportcolborne.com

Port Colborne Operatic Society
Since 1945, Port Colborne's own operatic society has presented outstanding productions of critically acclaimed Broadway shows. Performances run from mid-February through early March in the Lakeshore Catholic High School Auditorium.
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Port Colborne Public Library
310 King St.
A welcoming destination for visitors! Enjoy free internet access; browse the on-going used book sale, or read newspapers and magazines in our sunny lounge. View exhibits by local artists in the Library's Atrium. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am to 8pm; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm; Saturday (June 1 – September 30) 9am to 1pm.
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HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE TOURS

Tennessee Avenue
Originally established in 1889 as the Humberstone Club or "Solid Comfort," the lakefront homes of Tennessee Avenue are reminiscent of the American South. In 1903, Mrs. Varina Davis, wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, wrote ***A Legend, The Grasshopper War*** while visiting friends with summer residences on Tennessee Avenue (copies of ***A Legend, The Grasshopper War*** are viewable at the Port Colborne Public Library). The gated entrance to Tennessee Ave. is located off Sugarloaf St., slightly west of the intersection of Sugarloaf St. and Steele St.

The Incredible Shrinking Mill
The "Incredible Shrinking Mill" is a strange phenomenon produced by interplay of light, shoreline, water, and trees. The closer you get the smaller it appears. Take Cement Plant Rd., located at the western edge of Port Colborne, from Hwy. 3 south to Lakeshore Rd., turn left (east), and look straight ahead, towards Gravelly Bay. The mill looks almost close enough to touch, but as you approach the water, the mill appears to shrink.

Heritage Glimpses Walking Tour
Take a tour of Historic West Street, Main Street, and the Welland Canal, with Derek Miller, the City of Port Colborne's official Town Crier. Dressed in authentic 19th century costume as William Hamilton Merritt, Heritage Glimpses will take you on a fascinating journey of Port Colborne's most historic areas. Visitors have the option of booking the walking tour as a meet and greet, or provided as a step on service. For more information, contact Derek Miller, Heritage Glimpses,905-835-9889.

Self-Guided Tours
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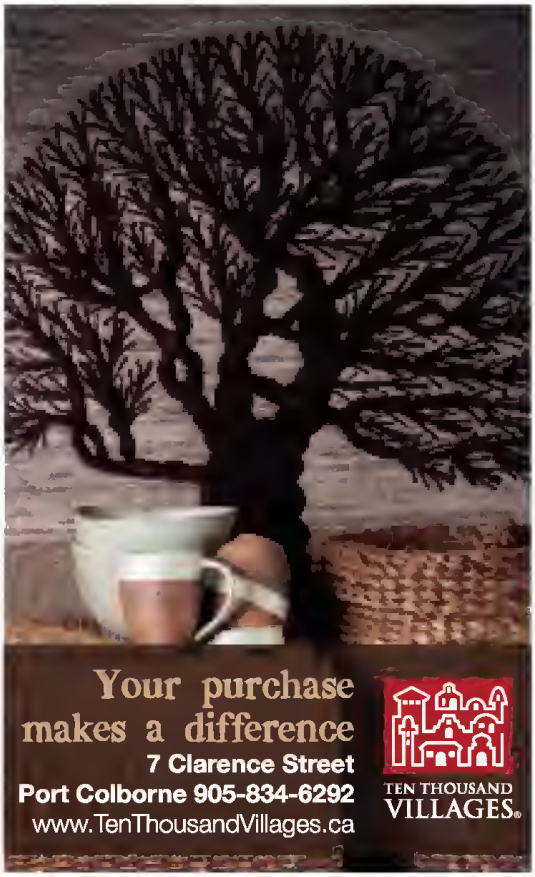
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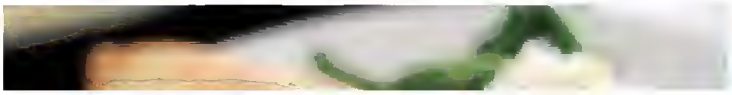

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CHINA STAR RESTAURANT 81 CLARENCE ST. 905-834-7433	•			•	•		
CITY TAVERN 202 MAIN ST. WEST 905-835-1515	•			•	•	•	•
COUNTRY STORE KETTLE & GRILL 265 MAIN ST. WEST 905-834-4444	•			•	•		
DJ'S ROADHOUSE 2187 LAKESHORE RD. WEST 905-899-1911 (SEASONAL - ONLY OPEN FOR DINNER)	•			•		•	•
DRIFTERS 471 MAIN ST. WEST 905-834-3333	•			•	•		•
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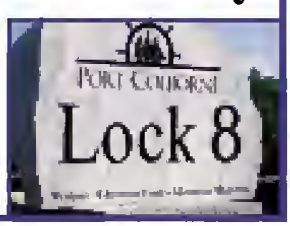

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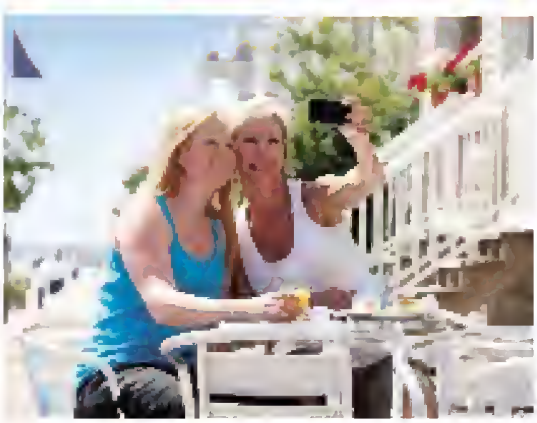

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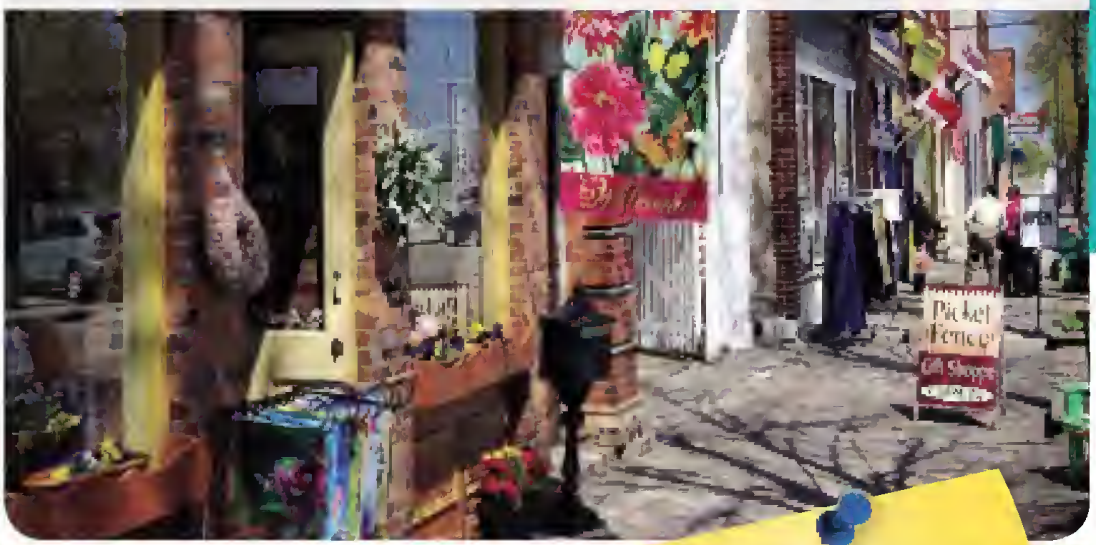

Shopping in Port Colborne reflects the entrepreneurial spirit of its merchants. There are five distinct shopping areas in Port Colborne – three plazas and two historic commercial districts. Between these, you will find a selection of antiques & collectables stores, galleries, nurseries, gift shops, clothing, and fashion stores, not to mention everyday essentials such as groceries and other convenience products.

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Main Street, between West Side Road and Hwy. 140, is the recently designated Gateway District. This shopping district was the heart of the old Humberstone Village that merged with Port Colborne in 1952. Along Main St. West you will find fine shops and restaurants housed in preserved, heritage buildings in a quaint village setting. Everything from antiques and gifts to clothing can be found in the shops of the Gateway District. Parking is available behind most businesses, and in municipal lots at Main & Mellanby and at King & Main. The Gateway District is also home to Port Colborne's Visitor Information Centre, located in the historic Humberstone Hall.

West Side Plaza, located at 45 West Side Rd. at the intersection of Main Street West, houses a number of retail options including a supermarket, office supply store, as well as two department stores and a pet food store.

Port Colborne Mall features department stores, a grocery store, a major hardware and automotive store, and specialty services, all at 287 West Side Rd., south of Northland Avenue.

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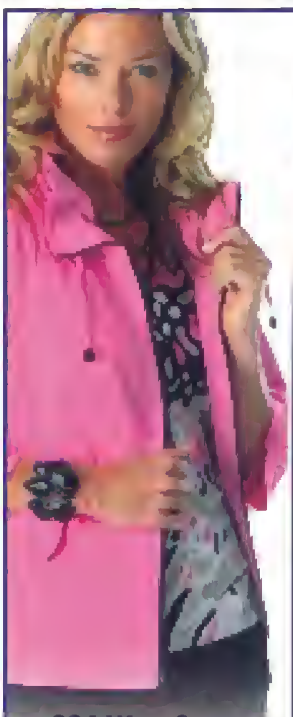

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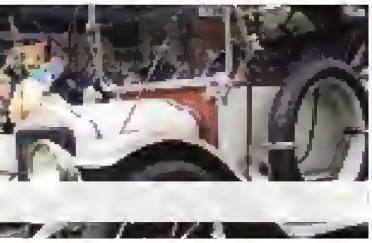

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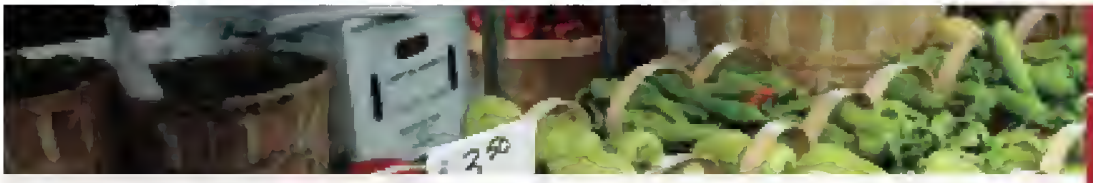

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For more info, please contact:
Diane Deschamps, Market Clerk
Tel: 905-835-2900, Ext 124

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Produce	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Apples				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blueberries			✓	✓	✓			
Cabbage		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cherries		✓	✓					
Corn			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Nectarines				✓	✓			
Peaches			✓	✓	✓			
Pears				✓	✓	✓		
Raspberries			✓	✓	✓			
Strawberries		✓	✓					
Squash				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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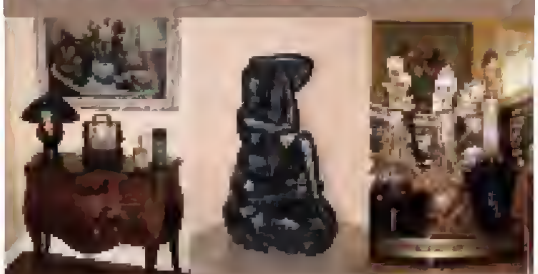

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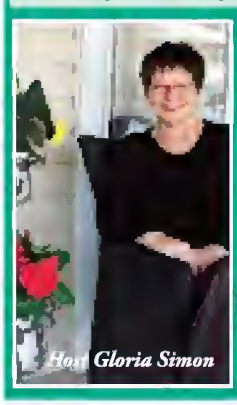
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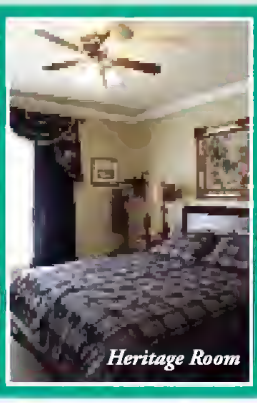
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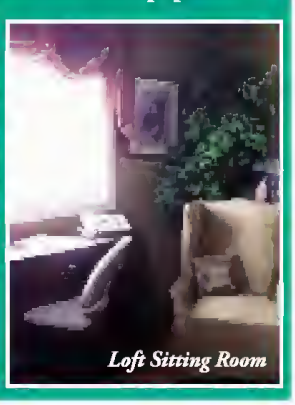
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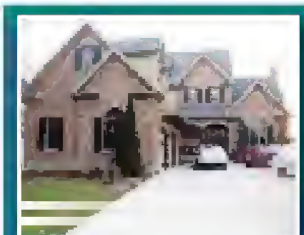

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LOCK 8 GATEWAY PARK

Overlooking the Welland Canal and one of the world's longest locks, this beautiful park was established November 5, 1979 to commemorate the visit by then Governor General Ed Schreyer and to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the first Welland Canal.

Lock 8 Gateway Park contains an elevated platform for viewing ships in Lock 8, flower gardens, fountains, picnic pavilion, and washrooms. Located at Main St. West, Mellanby Ave. and the Welland Canal, between the two jack-knife bridges.

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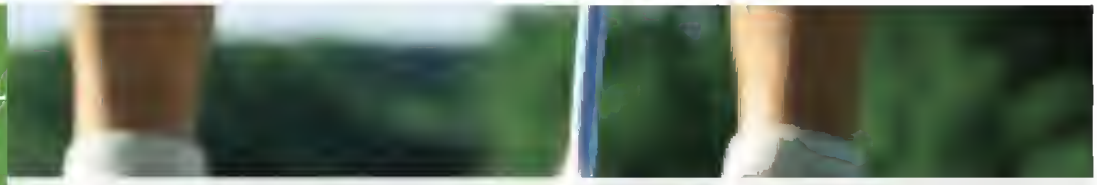

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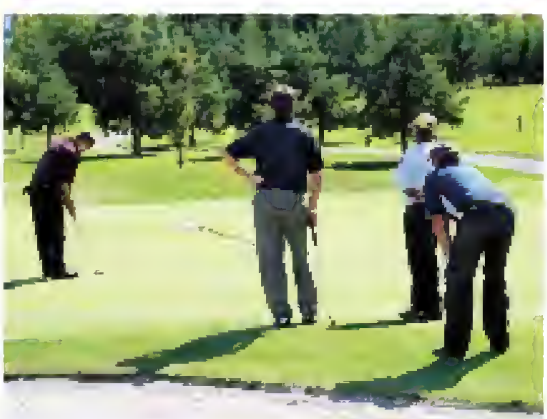

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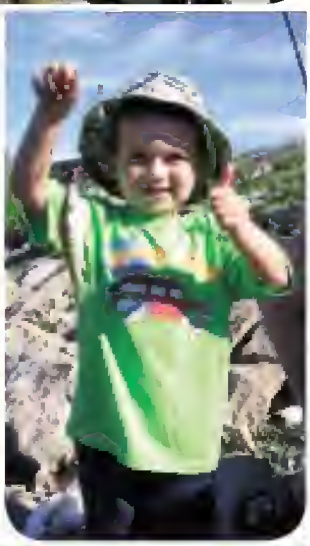
Lake Erie, the smallest of the Great lakes in volume, measures 241 miles across and 57 miles from north to south, with a depth of 62 feet. Because it warms rapidly in the spring and summer and freezes frequently in the winter, Lake Erie is an ideal location to catch the Spring and Fall Salmon and Trout Run. Lake Erie is recognized as one of the province's best fishing spots for perch but angler's have a variety of options, as Walleye, Salmon and Trout are also thriving in Lake Erie.



LAKE ERIE FISHING FACTS

* Walleye range in size from 16 to 22 inches, with catch rates rivaling any country
* Yellow Perch has been voted as the "tastiest table fish" and the most fun to catch
* Lake Erie's perch range in size from 7 to 12 inches
* Late April, May, June, August and September are the best months to fish for "smallies"
* Small-mouth Bass are also known as "bronzebacks"

ICE FISHING

Despite being so cold outside, some of the greatest fishing in Port Colborne can be had in the winter. From January 1 to March 15, anglers can venture out on the ice (ice conditions permitting) and drop their lines for Yellow Perch, Lake Trout, tasty Whitefish and feisty Northern Pike. Ice fishing in Gravelly Bay has long been popular, as well. Gravelly Bay is typically frozen for several months every winter.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO CATCH IN LAKE ERIE

Lake Erie – cool water species – zone 19
Migratory Species – Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout & Lake Sturgeon
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Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Largemouth Bass						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Smallmouth Bass						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Pike	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Muskellung						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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This trail follows the canal along its west bank from St. Catharines through Thorold, Welland, and Port Colborne. In Thorold, the path cross to the "Thorold Island" created between the old third canal and the current fourth canal In Welland, it follows the old fourth canal through the city and is paved on both sides of the canal. The trail zig-zags across the canal in Port Colborne until it meets the Friendship Trail at Seaway Park. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.niagararegion.ca/exploring

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This section of the Trans Canada Trail runs 13 kilometres from the western boundary of Port Colborne, across the south of Wainfleet to Haldimand County, parallel to the Lake Erie shore. This unpaved trail connects several conservation areas in Wainfleet, and is an excellent location for bird watching and spotting wildlife. Ideal for biking, hiking, and horseback riding, the Gordon Harry trail appeals to nature lovers of all ages. For more information, maps, and routes, visit www.npca.ca/conservation-areas/gord-harry

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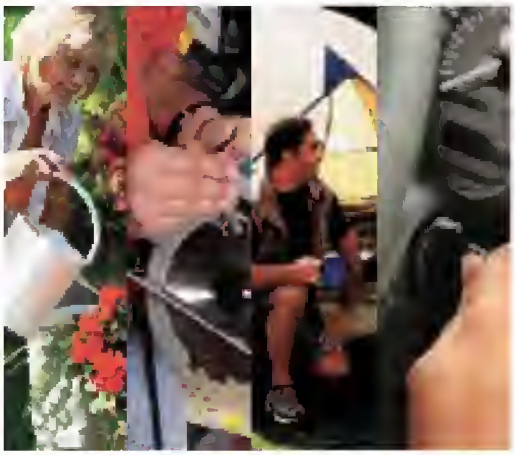

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Located on Lakeshore Rd. in Wainfleet
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Port Colborne's many community clubs offer a wide variety of recreational activities for all. These range from organized leagues to informal events. If you are staying in Port Colborne for a short period or a long time you are encouraged to take part and enjoy any of the activities listed here.

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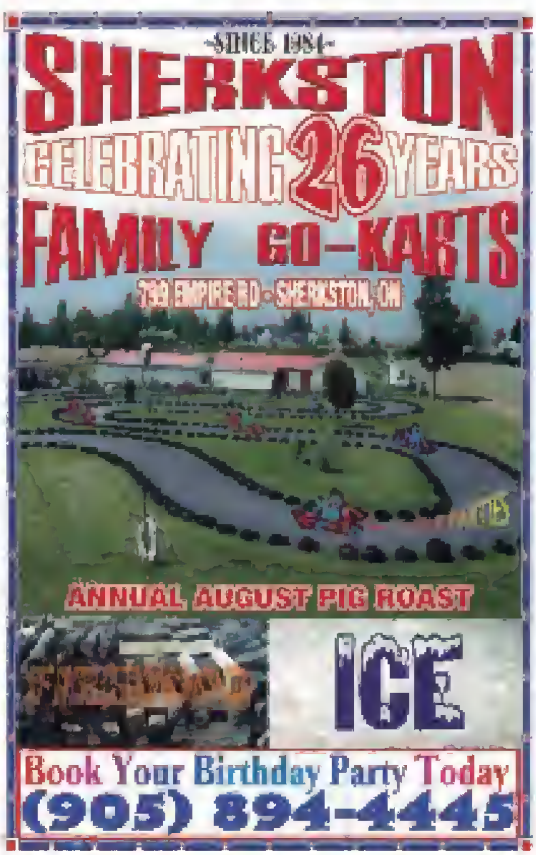

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE ○ FESTIVALS & EVENTS

CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL - July 29, 30, 31, August 1

For those with a taste for adventure, the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival offers activities and attractions to enliven the senses. Tall ships gather in Port Colborne each August holiday weekend, for a four-day celebration of history and heritage. Explore the decks, try your hand at the wheel, or feel the spray as you cruise Lake Erie on a tall ship. Nestled at the junction of the Welland Canal and the Lake Erie north shore, Port Colborne is a working marine community, with rich nautical history and welcoming hospitality. At the height of summer, the entire city takes time to celebrate the reasons why our picturesque city has grown and prospered – our marine heritage and our connection to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the seafaring world at large. Canal Days encompasses the entire community, with activities at a dozen different venues:

HH Knoll-Lakeview Park is host to Ontario's largest outdoor classic car and kite show. The Seaway Park children's area has games, entertainment, and kid's activities throughout the weekend. At the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, the history of the Welland Canal is on display and heritage artisans can be seen working their trades. Festival guests can ride the free Canal Days shuttle to the West Side Arena for an indoor craft show, or the Garden Swing Jazz event at the Roselawn Centre. Festival food and shopping kiosks fill downtown, and the Market Square concert venue features top-notch entertainment nightly.

Last year, more than 300,000 people visited the festival over four days. Friends, families, and former residents return and reminisce, and Canal Days continues to grow by bounds. An ever changing roster of activities has repeatedly redefined Canal Days, and as the festival moves into its fourth decade, that growth will continue as the festival blooms again. A source of great community pride, Canal Days is Port Colborne's signature event. The countless local volunteers who work tirelessly over 4 days make this event Niagara's premier summer festival. For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

CIRCLE TREK
May 1
Seaway Park
Held annually on the first Sunday in May, Circle Trek celebrates Port Colborne's section of the Friendship Trail and is a great way to get involved in the community and raise funds to provide the amenities for our trails. For more information, please contact Port Colborne Community Services: 905-834-1668

444 INTERNATIONAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT
June 24, 25 & 26
HH Knoll - Lakeview Park
In its 20th year, the 444 International Walleye Tournament is one of the most popular fishing tournaments on Lake Erie. Organized by the Port Colborne & District Conservation Club, this is an exciting event for professional and amateur anglers, as well as the public. With weigh-ins in HH Knoll-Lakeview Park,

cash prizes, raffle draws, entertainment, and delicious food, a good time will be had by all. For more information, contact Chris Yalowica: 905-834-1780, www.pcdcc.com

FLAVOURS OF NIAGARA, INTERNATIONAL FOOD, WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
July 1, 2 & 3
HH Knoll-Lakeview Park, Port Colborne
Niagara food artisans return to Port Colborne for the 5th annual Flavours of Niagara Festival. This unique event features culinary samplings from Niagara's best chefs and caterers, complimented by Niagara's finest wines. Nestled in the bowl of beautiful HH Knoll-Lakeview Park, the festival features an intimate picnic area accented by a band shell showcasing the finest musicians from around Ontario. Add the warm summer sun and the cool breezes from Lake Erie and you have the perfect recipe for a romantic escape, or an entertaining day with the family. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, www.portcolborne.ca

MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL
September 3, 4 & S
Marshville Heritage Village, Wainfleet
Juried Arts & Crafts Show featuring 115 artisans on the grounds of a re-created 19th century rural village. Marshville features costumed demonstrations of 19th century chores. Food vendors, live entertainment; covered wagon rides; antique autos and farm equipment; Nineteenth century craftsmen; Ontario's only original steam sawmill; and a Town Crier Contest. For more information, contact the Marshville Heritage Society: 905-899-9995, www.marshvilleheritage.tripod.com

WAINFLEET FALL FAIR
September 22, 23 & 24
Wainfleet Fairgrounds, Wainfleet
An annual event taking place the third weekend in September. The fair offers an entire weekend of celebrations for all ages, capturing the essence of the rural community of Wainfleet. Come see a cattle show, horse pull, pet show, rides, games and more! The fair grounds are located in Wainfleet Village. For more information, contact the Wainfleet Agricultural Society: www.township.wainfleet.on.ca.

TUGBOAT SANTA
December 3, 1pm
Take part in the thrill as Santa Claus arrives Downtown Port Colborne by Tugboat! Children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa from 1:30 to 2:30pm. For more information contact the BIA: www.DowntownPortColborne.com

SANTA CLAUS PARADE
December 3, evening
Port Colborne's Santa Claus Parade is held every year on the first Saturday in December. This evening event marks the beginning of the Holiday Season and is an opportunity for families to watch Old Saint Nicholas rolling into Port Colborne in time for the holidays. Hundreds of people line the parade route at night to watch the seemingly endless number of colourful floats lit up with Christmas lights. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca.

GRAND OLD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
December 4, noon to 4pm
Visit the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum and join them for their "Grand Old Christmas" Festival. Enjoy Christmas music, hot apple cider, and roasted chestnuts as the children have their picture taken with Santa. For those wishing to experience a true traditional Christmas treat, visit Arabella's Tea Room for a cup of hot tea and Christmas pudding! For more information, contact the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum: 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

CASCO & FRIENDS KIDZ
NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL
December 31, watch for details!
Enjoy the final countdown to New Years. Bring the family and enjoy the skating, refreshments, and carnival games. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

SPORTSFEST
February 2012
Sportsfest is an annual February mid-winter celebration providing activities for all ages. It is a city wide, family friendly community event, attracting participants from across Niagara. All proceeds go to various local charities. The Mayor's Cup hockey tournament, indoor volleyball, family skating, ball hockey, sports celebrity evening, trivia, dodge ball and family swimming are just some of the events that are routinely offered to the general public. For more information, contact the City of Port Colborne: 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca.

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MAY

May 1 Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Opens Daily for the season, Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
May 1 Greater Niagara Circle Trek Held annually on the first Sunday in May, Circle Trek celebrates Port Colborne's section of the Friendship Trail and is a great way to get involved in the community and raise funds to provide the amenities for our trails. Seaway Park.
May 2 to June 27 Small Hands Studio Art Workshops for Children, Small Hands Studio, 905.834.8483
or smallhandsstudio@cogeco.ca
May 6 Food & Wine Series: Between the Lines Winery, Roselawn, 296 Fielden Avenue, 905-834-0833 www.portcolborne.ca
May 7 Jukebox Hits Live, Roselawn, 296 Fielden Avenue, 905-834-0833 www.portcolborne.ca
May 14 World Fair Trade Day at Ten Thousand Villages. 7 Clarence Street, 905-834-6292
May 18 International Museum Day Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
May 29 Arabella's Pie Social & History Fair and Antique Road Show, Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

May - December
Different Strokes for Different Folks:
This premier Folk Art exhibit showcases the museum's highly colourful and unique artifacts. These homemade works of art from our community's past and present celebrates the whimsical, inventive and original. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

Celebrating our Agricultural Past:
Learn more about the Farming way of life, the settlement of land, its use and the people. Agricultural artifacts collected since the museum opened 36 years ago show how things were done. In September this will be complemented by a traveling exhibit from the Archives of Ontario. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

May to November
Flour Power: The Port Colborne Maple Leaf Mill started to produce flour in 1911 and soon became the largest flour mill in the British Empire. Discover fascinating industrial archives and memorabilia from "The Company that grew with Canada". Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
Mill & Marauders- The Rumour Wheels of War: As the war of 1812 approaches, loyalties, convictions and a way of life are threatened. Learn in this exhibit how Sugarloaf Settlement society and its vital Zavitz Mill are forced to take a stand. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

JUNE

June 1 Arabella's Tea Room Opens. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
June 1 -4 Arabella's Tea for Two Week, two for the price of one. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
June 1 Shes' a Biggun Seasonal Walleye Derby. A Walleye derby for seasonal marina customers, runs June 1 to August 31 – weigh your walleye at the marina anytime, any amount and the 3 biggest weights are combined for each customer. Winner receives $200 off dockage for the following year. Sugarloaf Marina, 905-835-6644 or
marina@portcolborne.ca
June 4 Sugarloaf Marina Used and New Boat Show, 905-835-6644, www.portcolborne.ca /page/marina
June 5 Annual Lions Club Walk for Guide Dogs Lion's Hall, Chippawa Rd. 12:00 noon registration 1:00 p.m. walk. For further details call 905-834-6674
June 12 Kid's Fishing Derby at HH Knoll Park. Kids fish from shore around the marina and park area. Registration and bait are free. For more information contact Port Colborne and District Conservation Club at 905-894-1336 or pcdcc@pcdcc.com
www.pcdcc.com
June 16 - July 2 A Comedy of Crosswords & Romance by: Jerry Mayer. For tickets call Showboat Theatre Box Office at Roselawn 905-834-0833
www.showboattheatre.ca

June 18 Port Colborne Lions Rose Sale - Contact any Lions Club member to order. 905-834-6674
June 19 13th Annual Giant Bicycle Lake to Lake Classic Event. For additional details www.laketolake.ca
June 19 Port Colborne Optimist Day in the Park HH Knoll Lakeview Park 905-834-7988
June 24 - 26 Annual 444 Fishing Derby at HH Knoll Lakeview Park Port Colborne & District Conservation Club. Registration Friday, fishing Saturday and Sunday. For more information contact Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, 905-894-1336 or pcdcc@pcdcc.com www.pcdcc.com
June 27 Lake Erie Interclub Sailing Cruise arrives at Sugarloaf Marina. For more information call 905-835-6644 www.portcolborne.ca/page/marina

JULY

July 1 - 3 Flavours of Niagara, International Food, Wine & Music Festival, HH Knoll Lakeview Park, For more information contact 905-834-1668 or 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca
July 1 - 3 Niagara Antique Power Association 39th Annual Heritage Display at Learn Heritage Farm 1957 Wilhem Rd. off Hwy #3 Sherkston, ON 8am - 5pm 905-563-1273
July 2 – 10 Ontario Family Fishing Week. This year July 2-10 are designated OFFW license-free fishing days. For more information visit www.familyfishingweekend.com
July 3 Canalfest Car Show Lock 8 Park. For more information, contact Al Lallouet 905-835-1867
July 7 - 23 "I'll Be Back Before Midnight". A Mystery by Peter Colley. For tickets call Showboat Theatre Box Office at Roselawn 905-834-0833, www.showboattheatre.ca
July 13 Som' Beach Som' Where: Boaters rendezvous to Nickel Beach (Groups of boaters make their way to Nickel Beach, anchor their boats and enjoy the beach for the day) Call Sugarloaf Marina for more details, 905-835-6644, www.portcolborne.ca/page/marina
July 13 - 17 Annual Port Colborne Lions Club Carnival Lion's Field, 905-834-6674
July 23 Sugarloaf Marina & Erie Tracker Outfitters Walleye Derby. Rain date **July 24** For more information call Sugarloaf Marina at 905-835-6644 or Erie Tracker 905-834-9218
July 28 - August 13 Back in '59: A 50's and 60's Musical. For tickets call Showboat Theatre Box Office at Roselawn 905-834-0833, www.showboattheatre.ca
July 29 - August 1 Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. For more information contact 905-834-1668,www.portcolborne.ca
July 31 Breakfast at Sugarloaf Marina under the Pavilion 7:30 am, For more information call Sugarloaf Marina at 905-835-6644

July - December
Wrecks and Relics: 100 years submerged, 9 metres below the surface of Lake Erie, 3 km from shore lies the wreck of the Raleigh. Explore the underwater world with artifacts from the Raleigh and other shipwrecks. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

AUGUST

August 13 "Som' Beach, Som' Where" Sugarloaf Harbor Marina Boaters Rendezvous at Nickel Beach (Groups of boaters make their way to Nickel Beach, anchor their boats and enjoy the beach for the day). Call Sugarloaf Marina for more details 905-835-6644 www.portcolborne.ca
August 18 - September 3 Mending Fences by Norm Foster For tickets call Showboat Theatre Box Office at Roselawn 905-834-0833, www.showboattheatre.ca

SEPTEMBER

September 3 Sugarloaf Harbour Marina's Year End Pig Roast, Come to Niagara's South Coast for the best end of the summer party on the lake. Everyone welcome. Call Sugarloaf Marina for further details, 905-835-6644 or for tickets to the dinner. www.portcolborne.ca
September 3 - 5 Marshville Heritage Festival Juried Arts and Crafts Show featuring 155 artisans on the grounds of a re-created 19th century rural village. Marshville features costumed demonstrations of 19th century chores. Village of Wainfleet, Hwy #3 West,905-899-9995
September 22 - 24 Wainfleet Annual Fall Fair. For more information contact the Wainfleet Agricultural Society, 905-899-0858

OCTOBER

October 1 Food & Wine Series: New season starting at Roselawn Call 905-834-0833 for further details, www.portcolborne.ca

OCTOBER

October 9 - 15 Fire Prevention Week, Port Colborne Fire Hall. 3 Killaly West, 905-834-4512

NOVEMBER

November 5 Annual Lions Club Food Drive Contact 905-834-6674
November 27 Toronto All-Star Big Band Christmas Concert at the Roselawn Centre. 2pm. For more details call 905-834-0833, www.portcolborne.ca
November 27 Port Colborne 4th Annual Christmas Open House Tour. Visit five holiday adorned homes thru a self-guided tour. Silent Auction, Artisans displaying their goods and a Christmas luncheon at Guild Hall. 1:00 –5:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Port Colborne Guild Youth Program. For more information call 905-834-1233

November - December
Christmas in the Country: Step back in time to experience the holiday ambiance of a Christmas in the country, where it was encouraged to use ingenuity to fashion handmade gifts that were thrifty, pragmatic and attractive for friends and family. Museum, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca

DECEMBER

December 3 Santa Claus arrives in downtown Port Colborne on a tugboat! www.downtownportcolborne.com
December 3 Santa Claus Parade 905-834-1668, www.portcolborne.ca
December 4 Grand Old Christmas Festival at Port Colborne Museum 12pm - 4pm, 280 King Street 905-834-7604, www.portcolborne.ca
December 31 Casco & Friends Kidz New Year's Eve Carnival 905-834-1668,www.portcolborne.ca

FEBRUARY 2012

Sportsfest
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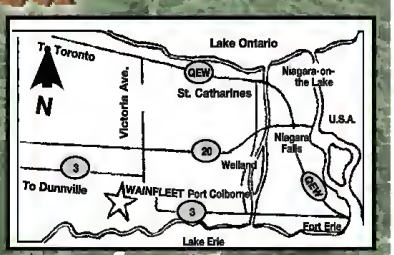

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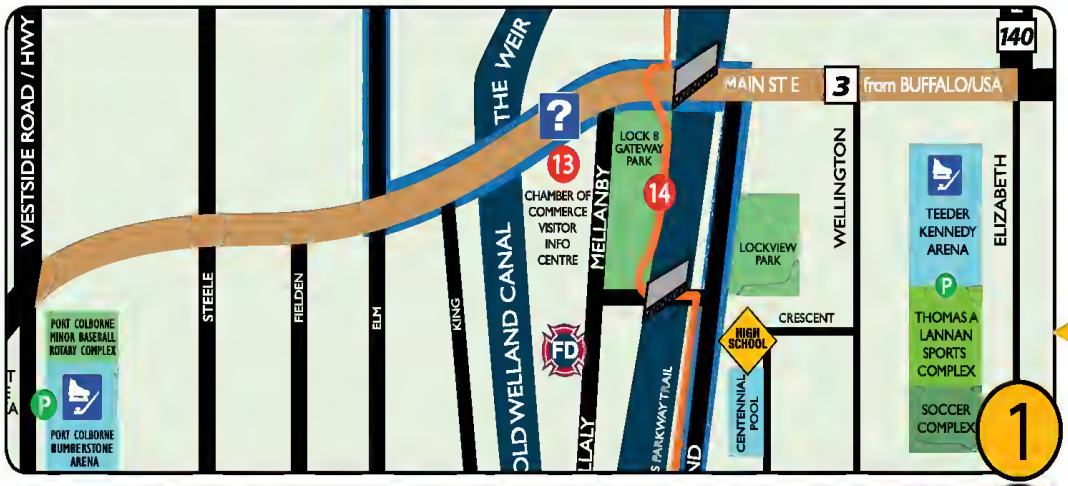
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